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SUBJ : MEXICAN PARTICIPATION IN ILLICIT PAYMENTS
EXERCISE

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1. DEPARTMENT VIEWS REFTEL AS VERY POSITIVE STEP TOWARDS CONCLUSION OF ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT BEING NEGOTIATED IN ECOSOC. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER BARCELO WAS AIRING HIS OWN VIEWS OR THOSE OF THE GOM. HOWEVER, IN EFFORT TO ELICIT "POINTED INSTRUCTIONS TO COOPERATE" FROM GOM, REQUEST EMBASSY CALL ON OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR GOM POSITION TO CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS.

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-- THE US IS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE SUPPORT FROM MEXICO AT MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS OF THE ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. IN PARTICULAR, WE APPRECIATE THE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE OF AMBASSADOR VICTOR BARCELO AND HIS EFFORTS TO AID AN EMERGING CONSENSUS WITHIN THE GROUP.

-- WE ARE AWARE OF THE GOM INTEREST IN COMBATTING ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND HOPE WE CAN COUNT ON MEXICO'S ACTIVE SUPPORT TO NARROW THE GROUP'S DIFFERENCES AT THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP SET FOR JUNE 26-30 IN NEW YORK.

-- WE ALSO SEEK MEXICO'S SUPPORT AT THE RESUMED SESSION FOR THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO ECOSOC TO CONVENE A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE IN 1979.

-- WHILE WE RECOGNIZE MEXICO'S INTEREST IN PROGRESS ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT, WE HOPE MEXICO SHARES OUR DESIRE TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WHICH ADDRESSES THE ELIMINATION AND PREVENTION OF BRIBERY IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS. VANCE

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